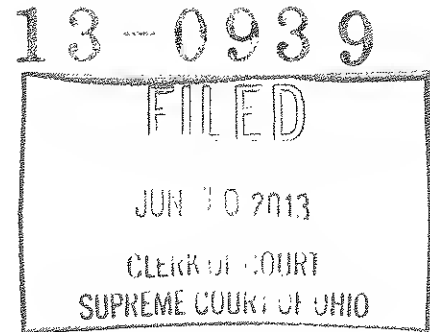


December 7, 2012

Kimberly Vanover Riley
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Dear Ms. Riley,

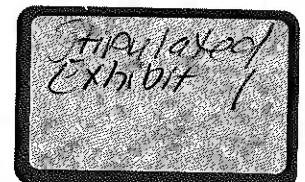
My name is Tanya Ash. I'm a 46 year old Interior Designer living in Dublin, Ohio and I have been friends with Bridget McCafferty for 30 years. Bridget and I were roommates at Miami University and again while we were pursuing post-graduate degrees until I got married and moved out of state. We have remained close friends ever since.

Bridget and I met in homeroom on her first day at Lakewood High School and became instant friends. She has a fantastic sense of humor and has always had a gift for putting people at ease and making them laugh. She is very friendly, polite and outgoing. She was serious about her studies and was incredibly intelligent but always was able to balance that with having fun with friends. She was a loyal friend and wasn't afraid to speak out if someone was unkind or unfair to her friends. At Miami she was incredibly focused on her studies and decided early on that she wanted to pursue law. She graduated early and moved back home to start law school early. After I graduated from Miami, we were roommates again and that's when she shared her love for politics and I attended many events with her.

As for her moral character, I've always known Bridget to be truthful. In high school, our physics instructor once accused Bridget of cheating on a test. He couldn't believe that she could have gotten an A without help. She was new to our school and he assumed she wasn't a serious student. He made her take the test over. She scored the same and she was angry and humiliated to have been unfairly accused and was upset that anyone thought that she wasn't intelligent enough to get an A without help. I don't think she ever got over that. She always worked incredibly hard at her studies as if she had something to prove.

When Bridget purchased her house I came up to help her fix it up. When I was looking for contractor's to do the work she insisted that we had to be careful who we hired even if it meant we paid extra so as to avoid any perceived conflict of interest. Everything took twice as long and cost much more than it should but Bridget was adamant that we do it that way.

Bridget's faith has always been extremely important to her. She is the only person I have ever met that never misses Mass. She went every Sunday in college and I would take her to the local Catholic church when she visited me in California and Virginia. She believes in helping and serving others. Her strong faith was paramount in helping her survive her



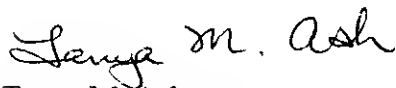
prison stay. She never ceased to amaze me by making the most of her time spent there by tutoring GED students and sharing her faith with the other inmates. She even asked for me to send her a book on U.S. history so that she could teach her fellow inmates about interesting historical happenings.

Bridget and I were still roommates when her brother died in Mexico under suspicious circumstances. It was difficult to watch her grieve and it was during that time that I saw her become so focused as to what she wanted to do with her life. She was determined not to become bitter and vengeful. She wanted to channel that energy into helping others. She became very serious about her career. She loves practicing law. She has always been an overachiever and this extended into her work life. She always was the first to arrive and last to leave the office.

When we were young Bridget and I wanted many of the same things – a rewarding career, marriage and a family. Bridget gave up on many of her dreams when she became a judge. She just couldn't see how she could do it all well. That's what makes this whole situation so very tragic. Bridget's career means everything to her. She made so many personal sacrifices to do it well.

I am honored to be Bridget's friend and am so proud of the way she has handled herself throughout this ordeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tanya M. Asb".

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December 14, 2012

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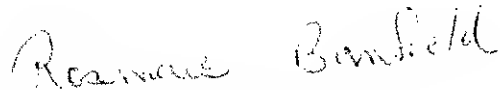
Mr. Spiess,

Bridget McCafferty is a very hard working, honest person. She is very trusting, very hard working, honorable, very helpful, and a very solid citizen. I find her to be someone I am very proud of.

She knows the law backward and forward.

I have known her since she was in high school. She was my daughter's friend. My daughter is an excellent person in the community and I know she wouldn't hang around with anyone other than the same character.

Sincerely,



Rosemarie Banfield

December 20, 2012

Mr. Brian Spiess, Esq.
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Dear Brian:

I am writing this letter to describe the character of Bridget McCafferty as I know her. I met Bridget about 25 years ago through her mother. Her mother was a friend of my parents and aunts/uncles. I worked for Cuyahoga County so our paths crossed at political and social functions.

Bridget has an infectious personality, always in a good mood and happy to see you. She took the time to chat no matter how busy or hurried she was. And she was actually interested in what you had to say. She has a bubbly personality and a smile that goes on forever. Bridget is always on the go looking for what awaits her around the corner, the bigger the challenge the better. She enjoyed her profession as a lawyer and a Judge and worked hard in her campaign to be elected by her family, friends, residents of Cuyahoga County and constituents.

Bridget was devastated to learn that her mom was in the beginning stages of Alzheimer's. She stood by her mom (until her passing earlier this year) as her mom had done for her during her childhood into judgeship. Naomi was a big influence in Bridget's life. Bridget respected her mom and relied on her for guidance and advice. She always made sure her mom was well cared for and that her accommodations were suitable for her.

I know that Bridget gave back to the community serving on boards and committees. She was able to balance her work load, community involvement and family. She knows the importance of hard work and saw the importance of being involved in the community. She has a lot to offer.

Sincerely,

Sheila A Berry

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December 21, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

I write on behalf of Bridget McCafferty. I have known Bridget more than eight (8) years. I met Bridget when I was a Member of Cleveland City Council and she successfully ran for and won election to Common Pleas Court as Judge.

I enjoyed my friendship with Ms. McCafferty. I found her to be welcoming, energetic, sociable and very humorous. Bridget enjoyed working to educate the community on the role of Common Pleas Court. She attended many community meetings in the Ward wherein I served, and she was well known and well-liked by my constituents. If Bridget could not attend a meeting, parade or any other community event, residents would notice her absence, and always hoped she was doing well.

Bridget had a real passion for reaching out to the youth in the community. In particular, she wanted to help youth understand that they could be tomorrow's Judges, Council Members, doctors, attorneys and more. Bridget believed in working hard and she wanted youth to embrace the same philosophy. She supported many causes that provided resources to youth so that they would learn to navigate their respective situations and experience success in their lives.

Most people that knew Bridget knew she was dedicated to her family, especially her mother. Bridget seemed to be able to balance work, family and fun, more effectively than most of us. Because of her devotion to family and community, many of us were saddened to learn of Bridget's involvement in the County corruption scandal. While I cannot condone her actions, I do believe that she deserves a chance to rebuild her life and restore her integrity. I believe that she will set expectations high for herself and work hard to exceed them.

Thank you for the opportunity to advocate for Bridget. Please feel free to contact me if you feel the need.

Sincerely,

Patricia J. Britt

From: Charles Brown Sr.
23851 Shurmer Drive
Warrensville Hts., Ohio 44128
Re: Bridget McCafferty
Date: December 10, 2012
To: The Ohio Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to first thank you all for the job that you do, it keeps our judicial process accountable to the citizens of our great State. Additionally, I would like to thank you in advance for receiving this letter both in spirit and with the heart-felt intent it is being drafted and submitted to all of the members of the Ohio Board of Commissioners.

As an ordinary citizen God continues to bless me with favor as He allows my life journey to cross paths with such wonderful people. Please note, wonderful, not perfect. God knew before time began we were not going to be perfect; and that we would need mercy to prevent us from receiving what we truly deserve; and Grace to grant me those things I don't deserve.

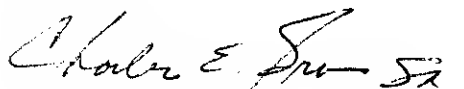
Commissioners, God knows our hearts better than we ourselves do. We, who are blessed to sit in judgment of others at any level, should always consider the weightiness of that responsibility; certainly in the case of my friend Bridget McCafferty. Commissioners, Bridget has been very instrumental in our community. It would be of little consequence to let you know that I've known Bridget for well over 20 years. To constants in her life she loves the most was her Mother and the Law. During these unfortunate turn of events she has lost her freedom, her dignity and her Mother. Please Commissioners have mercy on Bridget and show the compassion that we certainly believe exist among you.

Commissioners, I'm not an Attorney, Politician, or anyone of significance in the arena of notoriety. I am a 65 years of age, retired from Ford Motor Co after 38 years, owned my own business since 1969; married for almost 44 years. I share this with you to provide a glimpse of the character that I represent. Additionally, I have served on juries, and as Jury Foreman for 90 days, work closely with the Church I attend, I serve as leader of its men's ministry, chairman of its building and grounds committee.

Commissioners, I am pleased with where God has brought me. I am still far from perfect, but God is not finish with any of us yet. Especially in Bridget's case. Please give her Ms. McCafferty the opportunity to regain her Law License.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my letter.

Best regards,



Charles E. Brown Sr.

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MAGISTRATES' DEPARTMENT

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The Board of Commissioners on
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Columbus, Ohio 53215-3431

Re: Ohio State Bar Ass'n v. McCafferty, Case No. 12-056

January 22, 2012

Dear Members of the Board:

I was subpoenaed to testify on January 23, 2012, in the above referenced matter. I have been informed that, in lieu of live testimony, I could submit a letter concerning what I know of the character of former judge Bridget McCafferty. I wish to make clear that I am writing this letter under the compulsion of the subpoena and that, absent the subpoena, I would not voluntarily express my opinion on the character of Ms. McCafferty.

I am the Chief Magistrate of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, General Division and have served in this position since 2000. From 1996 to 2000, I served as a staff attorney and magistrate for this same Court. The magistrates are assigned all real property cases filed in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. The overwhelming majority of these cases are foreclosures. My duties as Chief Magistrate include supervising thirteen magistrates and ten clerical staff and managing a docket of real property cases for two judges, neither of which was Ms. McCafferty. Additionally, since 2005, I have been a member of the Court's Foreclosure Committee, which is responsible for strategic planning concerning foreclosure cases, the magistrates' department and the foreclosure mediation department.

The majority of my contact with Ms. McCafferty occurred between 2005 and 2009. Beginning in 1995 and continuing to 2007, the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas saw exponential growth in foreclosure case filings. In 1995, 2,582 foreclosure cases were filed in this court. In 2007, 13,968 foreclosure cases were filed. Notwithstanding this growth in filings, the staffing of my department did not increase significantly prior to 2006. Moreover, despite pressure from the creditors' bar, my department did not relax its standards in the face of this onslaught of cases. The result was a significant backlog. The exposure by the local media of a particularly delayed case in 2005 and the resulting pressure from local politicians and the creditors' bar brought the situation to a head. A foreclosure committee was established consisting of concerned judges and other court staff, including me. This committee was tasked with reviewing my department's policies and procedures, reviewing my department's staffing, and making recommendations to improve both. As a judge, Ms. McCafferty was known for her trim docket and her "rocket docket" procedures. As a consequence, she played a large role in

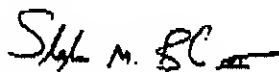
developing new case management procedures for my department, bringing us into close contact during this period.

This contact was not without conflict. Ms. McCafferty's focus was the speedy disposition of cases. She pushed hard for procedures to improve timeliness without concern for the quality of review by the magistrates or the rights of the property owners. Concerned about possible abuses by the creditors' bar, which later proved true, and the rights of property owners in this process, I was seeking a balanced approach that eliminated wasted time and did not allow cases to languish but that preserved the rights of litigants to a hearing and permitted a thorough review by the magistrates. In my opinion, on most occasions Ms. McCafferty's first inclination was to cater to the loudest voices criticizing the court without consideration of other interests in the litigation or the proper role of the Court. To Ms. McCafferty's credit, when faced with proper arguments in favor of an alternative course, she relaxed some of her requests in favor of a more balanced approach. Had she not relented, given the atmosphere of the times, it is likely the more stringent measures would have remained in the policy to the detriment of all save the creditors' bar. The result of this process was a case management directive, drafted in large measure by Ms. McCafferty, that remains the cornerstone of the departments' case management policy. With the adoption of this policy and, importantly, with the addition of new staff, the backlog has been eliminated and the time to disposition in foreclosure cases reduced to a reasonable time. There is no question that Ms. McCafferty is entitled a significant share of the credit for this accomplishment.

Additionally, I have been asked to comment on Ms. McCafferty's judicial behavior and demeanor, her involvement in the community and charities, her reputation for integrity and honesty and her behavior as a practicing lawyer before she assumed the bench. I am afraid I have little to say regarding these attributes. My observations of Ms. McCafferty in the courtroom were limited and I cannot give a worthwhile opinion as to her judicial behavior and demeanor on the bench. Off of the bench, Ms. McCafferty took an active and influential part in the management of the court, as evidenced by her involvement with the Court's foreclosure committee. As discussed above, these activities have had a lasting positive impact on the Court. I know nothing of her activities outside of Court, including her involvement in the community or with charities. I am not personally aware of any occurrences of dishonesty or lack of integrity in my dealings with her. Despite the circumstances that give rise to Ms. McCafferty's hearing before the board, as far as I know, she was always honest and forthright with me. I have no personal knowledge of her behavior as a practicing lawyer.

I hope these few words assist you in your decision. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions concerning this letter.

Very truly yours,



Stephen M. Bucha III
Chief Magistrate

Dec 12, 2012

Dear Sir,

I have known Bridget McCafferty for a period of eight years. I have interacted with Bridget during political campaigns, Democratic Club functions, and have outwardly supported her by marching with her float in the St. Patrick's Day parade. Throughout my associations with Bridget, she has impressed me with her love of people, her keen mind, her sensitivity, & her adherence to the principals she believes in.

I am a retired teacher (30 yrs. in the profession, same school system) and currently substitute in the Westlake & Fairview Park school systems. I am also an active member of St. Raphael Catholic Church where I am involved with the choir & respite care group.

Sincerely,
Bernie Cernoch



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December 12, 2012

Kimberly Vanover Riley
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Re: Bridget McCafferty

Kimberly:

The need to write this letter saddens me since a woman that I have much respected both as a person and as a judge will soon be standing before the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline to determine the fate of her law license.

Although presently I am semi-retired and rarely appear in Court, I have been blessed with career of over 40 years as a civil trial lawyer and a good portion of that time as Managing Partner of our firm. I came to know Judge McCafferty right after her initial election in 1999. From the first occasion that I appeared before her, I was impressed with an attitude of sincerely wanting to do the "right thing" regarding any issue or case over which she presided. As a trial lawyer, I appreciated a jurist who never pretended to know everything and never manifested an attitude of wanting to promote her personal bias or agenda. Judging character is always precarious for often the judge himself or herself comes to the question from their own perspective. For my part, I came to know her also outside the legal setting and always found her to have a good heart. I suspect that it is this quality that helped in putting herself in the predicament that she faces today. It is Bridget McCafferty's history of excellent public service save for this indiscretion, and her character of kindness and decency that merits a suspended sentence and an appropriate probationary period in accordance with your judgment.

Kindest regards.

Yours very truly,

Mario C. Ciano

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January 22, 2013

Board of Commissioners on Grievances & Discipline,

I am Eileen Corrigan-Mooney and have known Bridget McCafferty for at least twenty years. I first met Bridget when she was working for the Ohio House of Representatives and I was the legislative analyst and public information officer the Cuyahoga Child Support Enforcement Agency, as well as serving as Interim Director of the County Ombudsman's Office. She soon thereafter took a job with the Cuyahoga County Commissioners and I had ample opportunity to interact with her on a monthly, if not weekly basis.

Bridget was an invaluable resource for not only background information on lobbyists' strategies and perspectives, but also for navigating the innumerable protocols and requisites of the Legislative Services Committee (LSC). The LSC, as I'm sure you are aware, is the agency that oversees the language of any and all bills being proposed, considered, and/or introduced which would amend or otherwise affect the Ohio Revised Code and/or the Ohio Administrative Code.

Though the changes brought about by the mandates of the federal Welfare reform Act of the previous generation were meant to streamline such processes as paternity establishment, child support orders, and the overall institution of public assistance, many working in "real time applications" found ourselves head-to-head with the "powers that be" (e.g. social service agencies and advocacy groups with effective and well-paid lobbyists) arguing to protect and preserve such basic tenets as due process and appellate rights. (As you may remember, there was a dearth of lawyers in the Ohio Legislature at that time.) Bridget McCafferty was a much appreciated and diehard advocate of "judicial review" and, of course, due process. She read all of the proposals and the comments therein (>800 pages!) in order to understand the impact this would have on everyday citizens of the State and more specifically, Cuyahoga County. She wasn't required to do such work, (and she did it on her own time) as she was busy enough with the daily goings-on of the Commissioner's office. Her work ethic is undeniably of the highest quality; and she has been that way for all the years I've known her.

Bridget's generosity is not exclusive to her talent, but her time and treasure as well. Her kindness and concern for her constituents has always been a trademark that she refuses to be acknowledged for: the first to donate and sign up for neighborhood events....even when that neighborhood is not her own. I've seen first-hand her financial generosity for those in dire need. She was a totally devoted daughter to her mother, and I've never heard her once question or complain about the great demands of her mother's condition.

For whatever reason one finds themselves lying to the FBI, I truly feel that in Bridget's case, it was a lapse, a very serious, perhaps nervous lapse, but one that is certainly out of character. Please know that I am not writing to justify or ignore what she has done, but to ask that you consider her life history and the overall big picture of this woman when deciding her sentence. If ever there were mitigating circumstances, certainly Bridget McCafferty's generosity, compassion, intelligence and willingness to help people should carry great weight. Nothing in her background or upbringing supports this behavior; nothing of her personality, work ethic or faith belies this infraction. I can't say if stress or fear contributed to this, but I know it is a perfect example of what my parents taught me: pick carefully those with whom you associate. This was a fluke, a dark day in the life of studious, humble, caring, generous and compassionate excellence.

I would like to submit this letter to support Bridget but I cannot print it and sign it from where I am located.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I am

Sincerely,

Eileen Corrigan-Mooney

2916 Edgehill Road

Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118

Dec 5, 2012
To the Ohio Board of Commissioners on Grievances
and Discipline:

I ask you all please lift the chains that bind
Bridget McCafferty.

I truly believe she will serve the community well.
For over 10 years I have known Bridget to be kind and
compassionate. She is a charitable person and
charities depend on our help to persevere in life.
Please give her the chance that I believe she
deserves to assist the community.

It's the humane thing to do.

I know she will serve Humanity well.

She has a wonderful family and has always been
caring, compassionate and loyal. It's the
fabric of her life.

Please give her a chance

Thank you for your time and consideration

Jose M. Castaneda

January 22, 2013

Michelle Crovo
Stamford, CT 06905

Board of Commissioners on Grievances & Discipline

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in reference to my Aunt, Bridget McCafferty. I wanted to take the time to communicate how important my Aunt Bridget has been in my life. I grew up in a fairly large family having between my parents 18 aunts and uncles. Not all of them have been as involved in my life, but a few have stood out and one of them is my Aunt Bridget.

I remember from a young age having Aunt Bridget in my life. She was always there for birthdays and holidays and bought thoughtful presents for every occasion when others did not. When she began running for office, we would help by standing at the polls with signs and would go to functions with her where she would introduce us to important people in the political world and I remember thinking it was the "coolest thing ever" that she would include us. We were still in grade school then. We would also help by walking in parades with her. It made my sister and me feel important to be involved and proud to have such a successful role model in our lives. We would always brag to our classmates about Aunt Bridget and her career whether as a lawyer or a judge.

I think she knew at a young age that I had big aspirations for myself in terms of a future career and would step in as a mentor when needed to guide me with schoolwork and motivate me to do well with my classes so that I could obtain a scholarship to attend college. We did not have much extra money growing up and I knew that if I wanted to attend college that I would need to earn scholarships and financial aid. Qualifying for that aid required me to start on my grades from the first day I entered high school and having this guidance from Aunt Bridget really helped me set my goals so that I could succeed.

My parents did not attend a 4 year college and when it became time to decide if I would be able to go to college and where to go, I relied heavily on the support and guidance of my Aunt Bridget. She is one of the few role models I had growing up who had gone to college and was successful in her field no matter what role she took on. When I started getting the flyers in the mail, I would call Aunt Bridget to see who to look at and which schools would not meet my needs. I felt relieved to have this help as it felt so overwhelming at the time. Once we narrowed down the schools we were interested in, we started setting up site visits. My first choice for college was Xavier University and Aunt Bridget had some contacts there so she was able to set up someone for us to stay with during our visit and we also had the chance to get a feel for what life would be like

outside of class as well. I had such a great time during my visit and eventually did decide to attend Xavier. We also visited Miami University which is where Aunt Bridget went to college and my twin sister decided to go there with large support from Aunt Bridget.

Since leaving for college and moving away from home, I'm not able to keep in touch as much as I would like with my family. I see Aunt Bridget when I visit home and at holidays of course. She also reaches out via email to check in to see how everything is going and able to give advice still when things are uncertain in my career. Looking back at how I got where I am now, I know that I wouldn't have made the decisions I did that resulted in my success without the knowledge, support and mentorship of my Aunt Bridget.

Thank you for taking the time to get to know who Bridget McCafferty is to me and my family. She is a thoughtful, caring, loving person who has always reached out to help in any small way that she could. I believe that you will come to the same conclusion.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Crovo', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Michelle Crovo



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January 18, 2013

Board of Commissioners on Grievances & Discipline
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Re: Bridget McCafferty

To whom it may concern:

I submit this letter as a character reference on behalf of Bridget McCafferty. My relationship with Bridget McCafferty has been strictly that of an attorney who has appeared before her in Court and one who had contact with her as a result of bar related functions. My observations are that she is a hard-working and energetic individual who as a Judge showed judicial temperament and integrity. I never got the feeling that she favored one side or another and thought her to be impartial in all situations in which I appeared before her.

Respectfully,

Joseph T. Dattilo

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January 7, 2012

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In re: Bridget M. McCafferty

Dear Mr. Spiess,

I am writing on behalf of Bridget M. McCafferty who I understand has a decision pending before the Ohio Supreme Court with respect to the immediate future of her license to practice law.

I am a criminal defense attorney, primarily in Cuyahoga County as well as surrounding counties and Federal Court. I met and came to know Bridget McCafferty upon her initial election to the general division of CUYahoga County Common Pleas Court, which would be over 12 years ago.

I quickly learned that this judgeship was very special to her and pretty much her entire life. She was single, had no children but a mother who she loved very dearly and was dedicated to and who she took care of and who has since passed away. For the most part, however, the major part of her life was dedicated to her judgeship.

As I practiced law in her courtroom and over the course of the term she served on the bench, I had occasion to be in her courtroom frequently. In all instances I observed Bridget to function in her courtroom with the utmost honor, integrity and efficiency. She was literally obsessed with keeping her docket current, both criminal and civil to the dismay of many attorneys who, as you know, love the tactic of delay. More often than not, she did not tolerate that and concentrated on her docket.

In all of the instances where I was in her courtroom, she was always fair and impartial, firm but also compassionate in nature. She did not hesitate to punish when appropriate nor to be lenient and understanding when the circumstances warranted it.

She always exercised judicial temperament and tried to be fair and impartial to the parties before her.

Bridget had a total passion for her docket and to maintain its currency. On the other hand, she also had a passion for the political process that got her there and that allowed her to repeatedly get elected. She constantly strove to do and participate in those things which strengthened her

ability as far as recognition and position in the community and assist her in her efforts to be reelected.

Bridget participated in many community activities, volunteer work, and community service organizations which contributed to bettering the community, and has continued to do so since her release from incarceration.

In the time that I have known Bridget and the frequency of with which many of us appeared in her courtroom, I have never witnessed any impropriety in her conduct as a judge, managing her docket and the judicial process in her courtroom.

Many of us were very surprised at the initial interest by the government in a case in her courtroom and later accusations of misrepresenting herself to the government. She was consumed by a vacuum and a plethora of allegations, parties, representations, recordings and so forth, that created an atmosphere of total confusion at times and she apparently and unintentionally made some statements which lead to her current situation.

I have never witnessed any dishonesty or any undue influence in any cases pending in her courtroom, quite the contrary, rather the fair and honest disposition of her cases.

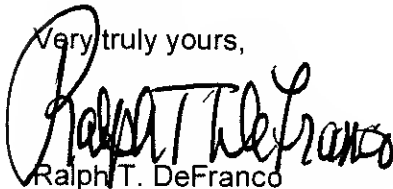
Bridget was very generous with her time both on and off of the bench. Clearly, the government process resulted in a conviction, a jail sentence and her current situation.

However, I would ask this body to look beyond that and to look at her history on the bench which is impeccable and certainly without any history of indiscretions personally or professionally as you determine whatever disposition deemed appropriate. One option is to not impose a suspension of her license and perhaps consider alternatives for her, such as a stay which would allow her to continue to pursue and exercise the profession which she so dearly loves with conditions.

I believe Bridget would warrant the consideration suggested for the reasons stated herein and that her history would certainly indicate that she is deserving of this opportunity.

Thank you very much for your consideration and cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Ralph T. DeFranco

RTD:lw



THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

JUSTICE CENTER

1200 ONTARIO STREET

CLEVELAND, OHIO 44113

MICHAEL P. DONNELLY

Judge

443-8738

January 22, 2013

Brian M. Spiess, Esq.
MONTGOMERY RENNIE & JONSON
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

RE: Character Reference Bridget McCafferty

Dear Mr. Spiess,

Please allow this letter to serve as the character reference you requested in your subpoena for former Judge Bridget McCafferty. I have known Ms. McCafferty for over 25 years. I have always known her as an individual who demonstrates kindness, generosity and compassion for others.

I can attest first hand to the fact that she worked extremely hard to become a leader in the legal profession and the community at large. Her reputation was that of an individual who worked tirelessly to show her support for a host of worthy causes both civic and charitable. Ms. McCafferty always gravitated towards causes that benefited children (i.e. shoes for kids) and the elderly. I hope Ms. McCafferty's many good qualities are taken into consideration when being weighed against her lapse in judgment. Inherent in our justice system is the goal of redemption. I believe Ms. McCafferty will do whatever it takes in working to restore her good name.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Donnelly
Judge

MPD/mmb

Murray J. Evans
Margaret A. LaRosa
17206 Melgrave Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44135

January 3, 2013

The Board of Commissioners on Grievance and Discipline,

We have known Bridget McCafferty since 1995, and are pleased to count her among our friends. We have known her to be kind, loving, and giving of herself and her time. She has involved herself in a myriad of community organizations and social activities specifically aimed toward youth, including founding a program for developing opportunities for education and personal development called CHOICES, and sponsoring a 4-Corners little league baseball team in our West Park community.

Bridget has always been a cheerful and positively focused person. She could be counted on to go above and beyond what was required to fulfill a task. She frequently invited high school classes to monitor her court room and through her example subsequently encouraged many young people to look to the legal profession as a career choice.

Despite experiencing the tragedy of her father's death when she was only five years old, her brother's death when she was 23 years old, and more recently her mother's battle with Alzheimer's disease, Bridget remains a woman with a friendly demeanor a great positive attitude. Despite her recent tribulations, Bridget's focus remains outward toward others. In keeping with the motto of her high school, Magnificat: "Women of faith, who serve, lead, and succeed", our sincere hope is that Bridget is given the opportunity, to rebound from adversity and continue to serve as an inspiration to others through her positive focus.

We have met with Bridget recently and she is focused on getting back to her professional life. She has dedicated her life to the law profession. It would be a shame to waste her legal skills, her community skills, and mentoring skills at this time in her life.

Bridget has now survived the death of her mother and the absence of the comfort of her family while she was in prison. I think the experiences she has undergone these past few years have made her even more insightful and responsive to others and would contribute greatly to her practice of law.

We have always known Bridget to a fair and moral person and we pray that she is shown the same consideration and compassion that she has so often shown others.

Respectfully,

Murray J. Evans (husband) & Margaret (Margot) A. LaRosa (wife)

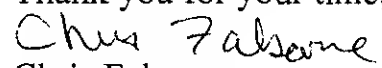
December 12, 2012

Ohio Board of Commissioners:

I would like to share with you a little personal history regarding Bridgette McCaferty. I have known Bridgette for almost 21 years. During this time, she has been a great friend; honest and respectful. I consider her to be a person of the utmost integrity. She is one of the most trustworthy people I have known.

Bridgette is a very dedicated individual. She worked very hard to overcome challenges in her life. Her career was her life. She strived to gain the respect and trust of every citizen in Cuyahoga County.

She has always been an outstanding citizen of our community. Please consider all of the good things that she has accomplished in her life.

Thank you for your time,

Chris Falsone

Westlake, Ohio 44145

Thomas E. Fleming
Westlake, Ohio 44145
December 1, 2012

BRIDGET McCafferty CHARACTER REFERENCE

Att: Ohio Board of Commisioners

Dear Panel:

I am a retired President of an Ohio based Fortune 500 Company and have had a career of dealing with numerous individuals and consider myself quite adept and skilled in evaluating people. I have known Bridget McCafferty since her birth on June 22, 1966. In addition, being a close personal friend of the family, I have followed Bridget's career path from St. James Elementary School, Magnificat and Lakewood High Schools, Miami of Ohio University, and Cleveland Marshall Law School.

I was very saddened by the unfortunate situation Bridget has recently experienced. My opinion of her has never wavered; she has received many honors for her outstanding judicial record and is held in the highest esteem by her peers and acquaintances. I have always known Bridget to be of outstanding character and compassionate nature as well as being extremely hard working and generous with her volunteer work and community service.

Respectfully, would you please allow Bridget the privilege of continuing to practice law and fully utilize the skills she has worked so hard to develop during the course of her career. She is a very wonderful person and would be an extremely positive influence given the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Fleming

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January 10, 2013

Kimberly Vanover Riley, Esq.
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Re: Character Reference for Bridget McCafferty

Dear Ms. Riley:

Respectfully, I submit this character letter for Bridget McCafferty to be submitted to the Ohio Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline to consider when they determine the fate of Bridget's law license.

My name is Pauline Fong-Martinez. I am formerly the Executive Vice President of the Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland. I lived in University Heights and Rocky River from 1992 – 2003, and have known Bridget McCafferty since 1998. Bridget McCafferty presided over the wedding vows undertaken by my husband Henry and me in 2002.

From the very beginning of my acquaintance with Bridget, I found her to be hyper-conscious and protective of her position as Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge. Bridget cherished being a judge and believed that it was a privilege to serve. She told me that it was always her dream and ambition to be a judge for the State Supreme Court. Bridget was consistently aware that she needed to behave with integrity and decorum to honor the trust that the voters placed with her. Bridget felt that she needed to be accessible and responsive to the community. Despite her workload and the responsibility to care for her mother, Bridget also found time to volunteer in her community. Although she never discussed her job, Bridget once made a comment to me that she did not want to appear to be associated with individuals whom she felt had already compromised their office and integrity. Bridget really strove to be a good role model.

It is with much heart wrenching sadness that I discovered that she was convicted of lying to the FBI. After some reflection, I can acknowledge that Bridget is a kind and decent person. Whatever she is guilty of, she is not malignant. So much has been lost, and it would be tragic to see her life further discarded or ruined. Please know that her dream to continue any future career as a judge can never be held or hoped for again.

Here are some of my recollections of Bridget's decency and compassion:

- Bridget cared that victims were championed and committed herself to perform volunteer work, especially for children and women who needed assistance.

- Bridget generally bore foolish and harsh criticisms with remarkable equanimity, refusing to retaliate or condemn even if it was a matter of the media deriding her rulings – or their foolish criticisms about her hair.
- Bridget loved and cared without reservation. Bridget purchased a house with a pool in Westlake. At that time, Bridget reasoned that it was a good investment and that she felt that she could afford it. Bridget explained to me how she wanted to have enough room for her mother, who was in failing health to be comfortable on the ground floor, while she and her hoped-to-be husband and his three children would occupy the top floor. Bridget had already designed her mother's room so that she would be as comfortable as possible, and she wanted a pool so that the children would be able to have fun recreation and looked forward to staying at the house. What was not commonly known was how largely unfurnished the house was, including the dining and living areas. There was no furniture or other furnishings in the home. Bridget reasoned that she could furnish her home as time went by, but it was more important to be able to make the purchase of the home a priority when the market was affordable. I was very touched to hear how much Bridget wanted to take care of the people she loved.
- Bridget enjoyed a close relationship with, and responsibly cared for her mother. They had frequent conversations over the phone and in-person. It was sad to hear how much she worried about her mother's eventual health decline and care, and her refusal to provide less than the best of quality private care for her mother when she required it.
- Bridget enjoyed a close relationship with the children of her significant other. They enjoyed their interactions and time together. It was very evident how much they relied on her.
- Bridget presided over the marriage vows that my husband and I took when we married in 2002. She refused to accept a gift of money to cover her travel expenses because she said it would be a conflict of interest for her since she was an elected official.

It is with heartbreak that I have intermittently followed the events of the past few years. She is struggling to find employment that will help her achieve financial solvency and allow her to contribute in a meaningful manner to her community. Bridget will need every tool at her disposal to regain direction and purpose to her life to achieve this. Bridget's parole confines her to the Cleveland community. Whatever she pursues, she does so with the media's full scrutiny and the scorn of a very judgmental community. This makes it extremely difficult for her to be considered for gainful employment and to resume a private life.

I do not fully understand the course of events which led to her fall from grace. However, I do believe in redemption and that it is important for every individual, even those who fall so far from our expectations to be given as much support and opportunity to pull their life together. In the end, it is the interlocking fabric that we weave together that ensures that we survive as

humanity. Sometimes, we need the intention of our dreams rather than the destruction of our actions to rule the day, and I hope this day will come for Bridget.

Bridget has skill and tenacity. Despite everything that she has been through, she still wants her life and her skills to serve a purpose. As long as she believes this and tries to realize her ambition, I hope we can work to support her through this – her life does not have to be discarded.

Thank you for your consideration, service, and time.

Respectfully,

Pauline FongMartinez

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December 6, 2012

Kimberly Overton Riley,

I have known Bridgett
Mrs. Cofferty for the past ten years.
During this period I have always
found her to be a caring, respectful
person. She takes her job seriously
and is dedicated to work for justice
at all times. I respect her and
admire her work ethic.

Sincerely,
Marilee Callaghan

Date: January 2, 2013

To the Ohio Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline,

I have known Bridget McCafferty since 2004 and can best describe her as a woman who was very passionate about her position as a judge and serving the community. She is a good person who is kind and caring and who has always been there for her family and friends. Her life was being a judge and her greatest punishment has been losing the ability to serve in this capacity. I believe she has experienced her greatest punishment and would be worthy to consider for retaining her law license. By doing so, she can prove her dedication and passion of the legal system to the citizens of Cuyahoga County and begin to rebuild their trust by demonstrating in a positive way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Pat Gallagher", written in dark ink.

Mary Pat Gallagher



THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

JUSTICE CENTER

1200 ONTARIO STREET

CLEVELAND, OHIO 44113

DANIEL GAUL

Judge

(216) 443-8706

January 22, 2013

Board of Commissioners on Grievances
and Discipline
The Supreme Court of Ohio
41 South High St., Suite 2320
Columbus, OH 43215-6104

Dear Sir/Madam:

I have known Bridget McCafferty for over forty years. Bridget is a bright and energetic person. She served ably with me as a judge on the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court bench. During Bridget's tenure she dispensed justice without, to my knowledge, any ethical lapses, but for the present matter.

The federal criminal conviction of Bridge McCafferty has been absolutely devastating to her both personally and professionally. Her reputation has forever been tarnished. She has lost stature and many friends. She has received an unprecedented amount of scorn and public ridicule. Bridget has experienced ruinous financial losses and has undoubtedly suffered unprecedented emotional turmoil. Sadly, Bridget lost her beloved mother while incarcerated. No final visitation was permitted.

Unfortunately, the life Bridget once lived is forever gone. She, in a sense, will never recover from her serious lapse of judgment. However, I hope she can reclaim a portion of her old life, and fashion the beginning of a new life.

As a judge for over twenty-one years, I endeavor daily to hand down appropriate sanctions/sentences. I often temper justice with mercy so that restorative justice occurs, and that something good may come from even the worst of circumstances. It is in this spirit that I respectfully submit these comments.

Sincerely,

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Daniel Gaul
Judge

DG/jc

MELANIE R. GIAMARIA
ATTORNEY AT LAW

December 3, 2012

Ohio Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline
c/o Kimberly Riley
Montgomery, Rennie & Jonson
36 East Seventh Street, Suite 2100
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

RE: Bridget McCafferty

Dear Ohio Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline:

I am writing in support of Bridget McCafferty as she faces you next month. I have known Ms. McCafferty for almost ten years. I have had the pleasure of knowing her professionally as an attorney and as an advocate for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women.

I met Ms. McCafferty when she was presiding over a case that I was involved. At the time I was advocating for a woman who had recently killed her abusive husband. Interestingly enough, the abusive husband had previously been in front of Ms. McCafferty several times for severely assaulting his wife. During those cases, Ms. McCafferty had counseled the victim wife about the danger of not leaving her husband. She also educated her on the importance of safety planning because Ms. McCafferty was concerned that the next time she saw the husband it would be for murder.

What struck me about Ms. McCafferty at that time was her willingness to go above and beyond what other Judges would do. Not only is she educated and understanding about the cycle of domestic violence and the safety risks involved, but was willing to reach out and offer resources to the victim. When this woman then unfortunately became the defendant, Ms. McCafferty worked with all the parties involved to come to a fair conclusion. I was extremely impressed.

Throughout the years, Ms. McCafferty continued to impress me by going above and beyond, really caring about the people who came before her. Many times I have received phone calls from her directly regarding female defendants that needed extra support or to see if I knew of resources that could benefit a particular defendant. She really cares about helping people that

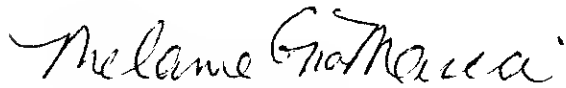
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want help and understanding what can be done to encourage the defendant to become a productive member of society.

I am pained by what has occurred thus far in the conviction and sentencing of Ms. McCafferty. I ask that this be concluded with Ms. McCafferty not losing her law license and hopefully using her strong work ethic and understanding of domestic violence to better serve the community in a community service arena.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them. Thank you for your time in reviewing this letter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melanie GiaMaria". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Melanie" and last name "GiaMaria" written in a single continuous line.

Melanie GiaMaria, Esq.

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Labor and Employment

December 10, 2012

Kimberly Vanover Riley, Esq.
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Re: Judge Bridget McCafferty

Dear Ms. Riley:

I am an attorney who lives and works on the east side of Cleveland, and I have a small predominantly plaintiff's side employment/civil rights law firm, which opened in 1996. While my law firm (which consists of 4 full time attorneys) handles cases in several counties in the Cleveland metropolitan area, most of our cases are litigated in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas ("CCCCP").

I believe I have practiced before all, or almost all, of the judges in the CCCCCP since opening my law office 16 years ago. Judge McCafferty was randomly assigned to a few of my cases. As a result, I have personal knowledge of how she handled her docket in the cases I had before her, as compared with the other judges before whom I've had, and presently have, cases.

The overwhelming majority of judges in the CCCCCP do not handle their own case management conferences; their staff attorneys do. In the cases I had before Judge McCafferty, she handled case management conferences herself.

Judge McCafferty was "hands-on" and knew the cases well. Whether at CMCs, pretrials, settlement conferences, or final pretrials, she knew who the parties were, she knew the various facts asserted by the parties, she knew which attorneys were representing which parties, and she knew the substance of the pleadings and motions that had been filed.

In my experience, Judge McCafferty had an excellent work ethic. Typically, the main hallways, back hallways, courtrooms, and judges' offices are quiet or empty by 4:00 or 4:30 p.m., unless there's a trial. On many occasions, however, I noticed that Judge McCafferty and her staff worked beyond what seems to be norm. In my experiences with her, she did not

hesitate to continue motions' hearings or settlement conferences beyond 5:00 pm. Moreover, I was never told, upon arriving at her chambers for a conference, or her courtroom for a hearing, that she was out sick, running late, or had left early, as has happened numerous times with other judges in the CCCC.

I don't know all the details of the charges or testimony against Judge McCafferty, but I do know, from my personal observations and experiences with her that:

- She had a great work ethic;
- She worked hard to get cases tried or settled;
- Her demeanor, to me, was of a judge who truly cared about the litigants;
- Upon consent of all counsel, she frequently engaged in "ex parte shuttle diplomacy" during settlement conferences (as have all the judges in the CCCC before whom I have appeared);
- She knew her cases;
- She worked late to settle cases and when trying them; and
- She treated the parties and their counsel equally, regardless of status, race, gender, or financial worth.

It is my sincere hope that you take all of this into consideration when deciding whether to reinstate Judge McCafferty's license to practice law.

Very truly yours,

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Caryn M. Groedel

CMG/kag

December 5, 2012

Kimberly Vanover Riley, Esq.
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Cincinnati, OH 45202

Dear Kimberly,

This letter is regarding Bridget McCafferty. Even though Bridget is my Aunt we are the same age which, I know, is unusual. I mention this because we truly grew up together. I have known Bridget my whole life. She is an amazing, compassionate, generous, and thoughtful person.

I hope and pray that you will hear what those of us who know her personally have to say. Bridget is one of the most hard working, dedicated people I have ever known in my life. For so many years, it was her dream to be a judge. She made that dream a reality at a very young age. Needless to say, we were all very proud of her. She took her job very seriously and, unlike many Americans today, always had complete faith in the respect for the American judicial system.

It is my sincere hope that you will look upon her with favor and know that she is an asset to her profession. It is my firm belief that, if you allow Bridget to retain her law license, she will utilize it for the good of the people and will be very successful at whatever law she chooses to practice.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,


Katie Hallett

Dec. 11, 2012

Kimberly Vanover Riley
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36 East Seventh Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Ms. Riley,

I became friends with Bridget at Lakewood High School because of her enthusiasm, loyalty and desire to achieve. I admired the way she worked her way through college yet still received excellent grades.

The Bridget I know is focused and determined. She sacrificed her personal life to become, and remain, a judge. She gives 100 percent of herself to whatever she's invested in and serving the public was her calling. She knew it and she worked hard toward that goal. When I watched her climb the ladder quickly, her ways or beliefs never wavered. Rather, those beliefs were rewarded as she applied the same work ethic and positive attitude I witnessed in high school and college.

Though we didn't see each other as much over the years – I'm a journalist in Washington, D.C. – we stayed connected. When my mom needed help in a matter regarding my wedding, Bridget jumped in to help. Bridget also had to take care of her mom as developed Alzheimer's. She was a loving daughter.

I take pride on surrounding myself with good people. I've been married for 20 years and am a respected member of my community. I'm confident she still has gifts to offer a community.

Sincerely,



John Keim

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December 13, 2012

Re: Bridget McCafferty

To whom it may concern:

This letter pertains to Bridget McCafferty.

I have personally known Bridget's family for more than fifty years. Bridget's brother Phil was a baseball teammate of mine, starting at age 12.

When Bridget's father died, her mother had a relationship with one of my father's best friends.

I have been a practicing attorney, in Cuyahoga County, for more than forty years. Bridget's reputation in the legal community was that of a hard-working and fair jurist.

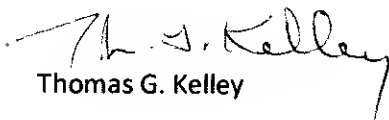
The highest tribute I can give to Bridget is the following:

Bridget never gave me preferential treatment in any manner whatsoever; even though, I had the above referenced relationship with her and her family. I had several cases before Bridget, both criminal and civil cases, and she treated me and my clients in the same manner she treated opposing counsel and opposing party.

I personally saw nothing but proper judicial decorum concerning Bridget handling her judicial duties.

Should you wish to discuss any of the above with me, please feel free to do so.

Very truly yours,


Thomas G. Kelley

Edward J. Kilbane

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Date: December 11, 2012

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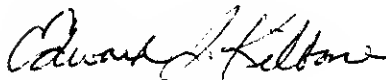
Dear Panel Members:

I'm writing you to respectfully request that you reinstate Bridget McCallerty's license to practice law. I have absolutely no doubt that she will be an upstanding member of the bar and conduct herself in accordance with the highest standards of the legal profession.

By way of background, I'm a retired CPA and a member of the Ohio Bar. I've known Bridget her whole life. Her oldest brother Phil and I have been good friends since childhood. Her father died when she was only five years old. Her family was not well off but they made due with what little they had. Bridget was the youngest of five children and worked very hard to help her mom at home and in school. She helped support herself and get a good education through hard work and various scholarships. I was just starting my career at Ernst & Young at the time that her father passed away and I helped her mom and the girls with their tax return filings over a period of several years. In so doing, I got to see Bridget at least a couple times a year and observe her progress as she went through high school, college, and law school. I was always impressed with her work ethic and her devotion to her mom. I was very proud of her when she decided to go into law and attended my alma mater, Cleveland-Marshall.

While her conviction was heartbreaking, she has now served her sentence and resolved to move forward with her life as a better person. I have absolutely no doubt that she will work hard for the rest of her life to make amends and be a good and productive member of society and the bar. In light of the above, I respectfully request that you look favorably upon her and reinstate her license to practice.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Kilbane,

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December 13, 2012

Kimberly Vanover Riley
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Re: Bridget M. McCafferty
Character Letter to Present to the -
Ohio Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Barb Klimczyk, I am 52 years old. I am Bridget's sister and I live in Cleveland, OH, with my husband of 20 years and two children ages 16 and 15.

As a point of reference our father's parents came to America from Ireland and he was born shortly afterwards. There was not much money so he worked from a young age to help support his family. He eventually became a pipefitter for Local 120. He met my mother; they were married and had five children, spanning 21 years. Bridget is the youngest and was born six years after me.

As a result of my father's work ethic, we were taught the importance of hard work. My father had rheumatic fever as a child and his heart was bad. He knew he could potentially die young and did not want to leave my mother with 5 children and a mortgage. He worked two or three jobs in order to pay off the mortgage. He did die young, at the age of 50 after a triple bi-pass operation. Phil was 26, Jimmy was 23, Maureen was 13, I was 11, and Bridget was 5. My mother raised us on her own, with very little income. She was a great role model. She taught us about unconditional love, strength, loyalty, honesty and hard work. She taught us to believe in Christ and live our lives in his name. These values have been instilled in all of us, and I am grateful for that.

I have witnessed Bridget grow from a small girl, to an accomplished public servant. What I can tell you about Bridget is that she has always worked very hard to accomplish whatever she set her mind to. We did not have money. She knew she wanted to go to law school and

eventually become a judge. She was able to take AP classes and I believe summer classes to get the credits she needed to graduate from college in three years. This was to save the expense of a fourth year in college. She went to law school at Cleveland State in order to live at home, which was less expensive. I remember her sitting many a night at the kitchen table doing her homework all night long. Once she graduated she worked various jobs to get the experience and mentoring she needed to work towards her goal of becoming a judge. When it was time to run for judge, she worked day and night on her campaign. As I recall, she would attend anywhere from 3 to 6 events per night for the duration of her campaign in order to meet the voters. I will never forget how many hours Bridget worked organizing her campaign, and meeting as many voters as she could. It was important to Bridget that the voters were informed about her experience and desire to serve. With no money that meant meeting them one by one. I recall her saying, "If there are more than two people in a room, I will be there." I am very proud of her because she worked so hard to reach her goal.

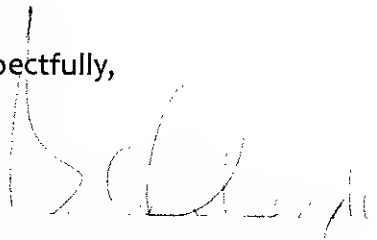
After being elected she worked hard to turn around her court room docket from one of the least efficient in the court house to the most efficient. She was also very active in the community. She served on various boards including New Avenues to Independence, the Harvard Community Center, Shoes for Kids, as well as Lady D's drill team. She also started a program called CHOICES to help youth stay in school.

Bridget has dedicated her life to the legal system that she loves and to the community that she served. This was not a requirement but rather a conscious choice.

I honestly am not fully aware of any details in the matter before you, but I can tell you that Bridget has dedicated her life to the practice of law and the judicial system. She is one of the hardest working people I know and is honest to a fault. We were raised in a home that valued integrity above all else and I do believe that Bridget exemplifies this.

In closing, I would like to respectfully ask that in your ruling, you consider Bridget's many years of service in the judicial system and the community, her work ethic, integrity and compassion.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Barb Klimczyk", written in a cursive style.

Barb Klimczyk

Kelly A. Kramer
3030 Jehossee St. #206
Raleigh, NC 27616

December 20, 2012

To Whom It May Concern,

Greetings and I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Kelly A. Kramer and I am writing to you regarding Bridget McCafferty. Bridget is my Aunt on my Mother's side. I appreciate you taking the time to read my letter and I hope that you will find my account of my Aunt in the positive light that it is intended.

In the 29 years that I have known my Aunt Bridget, I can honestly say that she stands out in my mind as one of the most influential people in my life as she has had a great impact on the success that I have today. From an early age I knew that I was destined to be a career woman and I was always able to look up to my Aunt for support and guidance. Bridget is a very ambitious person and this is evident in her journey through advancing her career. I can remember as a little girl being involved in Pat Sweeney's campaign with Bridget and seeing the passion that she had for the work that she was doing and the people that she dedicated her time to helping. She always exemplified a devoted civil servant and I am sure that her numerous supporters over the years would agree with me that she truly received joy from helping those in need.

I appreciated the opportunity to assist my Aunt when she chose to run for Judge in Cleveland. Though Bridget is a very busy woman, she always tried to find a way to allow her family to be involved in her career aspirations. Bridget was always so detailed and organized and it was a great example to me and my sister to see such a successful woman in action. I do not mean to diminish my own mother in any way as she is a huge part of the reason that I have been so successful as well, but my mother knew that Bridget could help me with things that were outside of her reach.

When it came time to begin looking at Universities, I enlisted Aunt Bridget's assistance in choosing the right school for me. I was receiving so many brochures that it was difficult to really discern which colleges may be the right fit for me. Bridget sat down with me and went through all of the brochures and discussed the pros and cons of each establishment. Bridget had attended Miami University in Oxford Ohio and felt strongly that I may want to follow in her footsteps after viewing the college. I was also considering continuing my Catholic education so Bridget suggested that I view Xavier University as well to explore all of my options. Bridget took time out of her busy schedule to escort myself and my sister to Southern Ohio to visit Xavier University as well as Miami University. This was the first time that either of us had visited a college campus and it was a little overwhelming. It was very helpful to have my Aunt Bridget there to guide us and make sure that we asked all of the right questions to make our decision. In the end, my sister Michelle chose Xavier University and I chose Miami

University. Bridget also helped us both with applying for our scholarships and financial aid and again I was very grateful for her knowledge and dedication to my future.

Looking back on all of the ways that Bridget has impacted my life I can honestly say that I do not know if I would be the same person I am today without her positively impacting my life. I could recount dozens of stories about my Aunt Bridget and how generous she has been not only to me but to many others, but I know that my other family members will do exactly that as well, so I will end this letter with just a few more thoughts.

Bridget is a kind person, and is a very important part of our family. We have truly been blessed by watching her grow in to the leader that she is today. She has such a passion for her career and I could not imagine her doing anything else with her gift of service. With the recent passing of her mother, my grandmother Naomi, it is even more important for our family to remain strong and rely on each other for support and guidance. I hope that you will take all of this in to consideration and see Bridget for the person that she truly is in my life and my family as well - a dedicated sister, a caring daughter, and a loving Aunt.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelly A. Kramer', with a stylized, flowing script.

Kelly A. Kramer

Erin Sullivan Lally
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December 28, 2012

The Ohio Supreme Court
c/o Brian M. Spiess
Montgomery, Rennie & Jonson
36 East Seventh Street, Suite 2100
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Honorable Members of the Supreme Court,

I am writing on behalf of Bridget M. McCallerty.

Bridget McCallerty has been my friend for over 15 years and I can attest that I have witnessed her kindness, intellectual curiosity and desire to serve in more instances that could be recorded here in this letter.

As an educated and goal-oriented woman I cannot see Bridget doing anything in her lifetime other than serving others, which is why that I ask you grant her request before you.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Erin Sullivan Lally

Maureen Loewe
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Sheffield Lake, OH 44054

December 3, 2012

Montgomery, Rennie & Jonson, Co, LPA
% George Jonson, Esq.
36 East Seventh St., Suite 2100
Cincinnati, OH 45202-4452

Dear George Jonson,

I am writing this letter in reference to my sister, Bridget McCafferty. I feel it is important to offer some insight as to the good nature and caring individual that she is to me and my family, as well as the community. Ever since I can remember Bridget has been a big influence on my children's lives when it came to offering advice for education. She was so helpful when they were deciding which college to attend, how to apply for financial aid and just generally wanting to help them to put together the best action plan for success. My brother Jim, who passed away, was the only other sibling who had graduated from college, which is why Bridget's insights were so valuable. I was very grateful to Bridget for her intimate involvement in setting up shadowing with friends of hers at colleges for my daughters. It impacted their career planning in a way that I could not. Our father passed away when Bridget was 4 years old and she accomplished her goals because of her strong commitment and perseverance which she passed on to my children.


Bridget is a compassionate, caring individual who is always there to lend a hand when needed. She has helped me in the caregiving of our mother who has passed away from Alzheimer's. If I needed someone to take mother to the doctor or to communicate with a doctor she was always there to lend a hand. Anytime family is in town and need a place to stay, she offers her hospitality. She has always encouraged our family to join her as her guest for the holidays. This was the one way she could contribute to allowing our mother to celebrate the holidays with us as her disease progressed and she could not travel anymore.

Bridget has always been involved in the community. She volunteers for community service as much as possible. She has a very generous nature and she can always be counted on to lend a hand. She genuinely cares about those less fortunate and enjoys being involved in making a difference in others' lives. She truly cares about people and wants to be involved in helping to improve the lives of individuals and communities.

When Bridget was on the bench, her commitment to community was always evident. She believes strongly in justice and upholding the law. She was always a tough, but fair judge. She took on quite a large case load and very rarely took time away from the bench. When she practiced law, she always had the intention of becoming a judge. She works hard and sets forth short term goals to successfully accomplish her long term goals. Her passion for her work was always an unspoken matter of fact, evidenced only by her actions. This is the path for her that lights up her life. She lives and breathes it and knows no other path that she would rather follow.

I am asking that you consider all the good that Bridget has always done for her family and community, as well as her good character and commitment to the justice system. I am pleading that you keep these things in mind when discussing the Law License for my sister, Bridget McCafferty.

Thank you,


Maureen Loewe

12/15/12

To: The Ohio Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline:

I am writing a character letter on behalf of Bridget McCafferty. It has been my pleasure to have known her for several years, having been appointed as Grand Jury Foreman for a term while she served on the Bench in Cuyahoga Common Pleas Court and also served with her on two Local Boards of Trustees.

Ms. McCafferty was a hard working and capable attorney & judge and I found her very knowledgeable and easy to work with during my tenure with the Court. She met with the jurors and fully explained our role and was helpful when questions arose.

In the community, she was an outstanding civic representative. Bridget gave freely of her time and exceptional talent to the boards she served & she contributed generously to these organizations as well.

Ms. McCafferty is preparing to move forward with her life and profession. She has many favorable qualifications to offer employers. I am confident she will do well in her future endeavors.

It is a pleasure to submit this letter of reference to you on behalf of the McCafferty.

Sincerely yours,
James L. Mason

12/13/2012

Brian McCafferty
42935 Northville Place Drive, #1514
Northville, MI 48167

To whom it may concern,

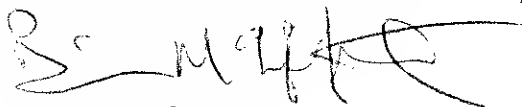
Hello, my name is Brian McCafferty, Nephew to Bridget McCafferty. Bridget and I are not too far apart in age and spent a fair amount of our childhood growing up together. There was rarely anything but joy and laughter all those years. She has always been a very caring and loving Aunt from the beginning on.

From as early as High School I will always remember that her goals were towards the field of law. She worked very hard all throughout the many school years with all the determination such an endeavor demands. I remember all the trials and tribulations that Bridget went through along that path, but her desire and faith never wavered.

Thanks to her work ethic she not only met her goals of being a lawyer, she surpassed them by running for and being elected to a Judgeship. I don't know anyone more driven and passionate about her career. She was very proud and yet grateful for all of her success. Bridget worked very long hours but always managed to look after her mother as much as physically possible, not to mention the rest of her family.

Anyway, with all that having been said, she is my Aunt and I love her very, very much. She is a great person with a huge heart. Now that it has come time to deciding whether or not she deserves to maintain her law license, I would ask you to consider her career on a whole basis. With all her skills, Bridget is the perfect person to actually assist in the betterment of a society that, in my opinion, has currently lost its way!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian McCafferty', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian McCafferty
(248)840-9069

December 14, 2012

The Board of Commissioner of Grievances and Discipline
65 South Front Street-5th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Bridget McCafferty - Law License

Dear Panel Members:

I am 68 years old and my kid sister, Bridget is now 46. I have had the chance to watch her grow up most of my adult life. She has always been an over-achiever. I am not sure if that is a product of her losing her father at five years of age or if it is inheriting the fight that her mother (recently passed away after having suffered with Alzheimer's disease) was able to bestow upon her as both fought together with meager funds to survive.

Bridget stands about 5 feet tall but has always been a dominant force in every endeavor she has ever tried. She was a top swimming athlete through High School and a top scholar both in college as well as law school. Bridget was never given anything---she worked her way through both undergrad then law school sometimes with little sleep. I often wonder how much better her excellent grades would have been if she did not have to hold down jobs (sometimes full time jobs) while attending school. After graduating from law school and ultimately running her own political race ----- she beat the entire Democratic machine to win an election to become one of the youngest judges in the history of Ohio (she was then just 32). The Democratic and Republican party had picked their candidates for judge that particular year but Bridget prevailed over both by winning the hearts and minds of the voters one vote at a time. She attended and often spoke at a record number of political events that year and continued to do so for the balance of her career.

As she barnstormed Cuyahoga County, it is my belief that those she spoke to saw in her the ability to care for her constituents and make a difference in our society by being the hard working dedicated judge that she indicated she would be. They looked into her heart and soul and voted for those attributes-----and continued to vote for her for two-six year terms in a row.

With that in mind, please make no mistake about the fact that Bridget had always been the most well meaning hard working public servant I have ever known (please forget the fact that she is my sister—I am just stating a fact). I am convinced that if she were driving home after a series of late meetings at, say, 2:30 am (not a car on the road) and approached a malfunctioning red light stuck on red she would refuse to go through that light—she'd seek an alternative route!! For years she refused even a social drink at no matter what function, family or otherwise. After all, that drink might alter her judgment when driving perhaps an hour later. I know this sounds comy but really --- that is who she is!!

Bridget was statistically one of the hardest working judges on the bench (that fact can be easily checked). Her reputation, particularly in civil cases was one of friendliness and helpfulness trying hard to seek equity whenever practicable. In criminal cases, she worked hard for her constituents to keep crime off the streets while showing compassion where compassion was called for.

I am proud of Bridget and hope that you Panel Members while reading this might better understand Bridget's more complete persona. She really has been in her entire life a good, honest and very hard working person. Please believe me when I say she is not the person she has been depicted to be. However, the very judicial system she was sworn to uphold has rendered her guilty of lying to the FBI, her reputation tarnished forever. And as a result, as you are all aware, Bridget has now paid her debt to society by spending the Federal government mandated prison time in a Federal institution. I'm sending you this letter in hopes that that punishment will suffice and she will now be shown some clemency—a second chance.

Please keep in mind the weight of 23 years of honest, hard working legal service vs a few terrible moments of adjudicated transgressions against that system when deciding her fate. Please allow her to practice law as she attempts to rebuild her life.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. W. McCafferty', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

Phillip W. McCafferty

January 9, 2013

Dear Board of Commissioners on Grievance and Discipline,

The purpose of this letter is to ask that you consider and allow my aunt, Bridget McCafferty, to retain her ability to practice the law.

Bridget and I come from a very unique family situation. Bridget is my aunt yet I am 2 years older than she. My father (Bridget's brother) is 20 years older than Bridget and he started his family very young. I am his oldest. As such, I have known Bridget all of her life. While we did not live in the same city (Bridget in Greater Cleveland and I in Greater Detroit) we spent a fair amount of time visiting each year at holidays and typically one to two weeks per summer. Later in life after graduating college I spent five months living in my grandmother's house with Bridget, my grandmother and my Aunt Barb.

For all those years I always knew Bridget to be a very intelligent, fun, kind and loving person. By the time I had moved to Cleveland and began living with her, I learned that, beyond the above qualities, she had matured and nurtured a very keen intellect and had become extremely passionate in her study of the law. As the years passed and she moved her career path from attorney to judge, I would always notice how she would add to her list of great qualities. Her passion for the law grew but so did her compassion for others, shown by the amount of time she spent with charities in the community.

To conclude, I have always found Bridget to be a great person, a loving and caring daughter, a wonderful family member, a true friend to the community and a dedicated servant to the public in the position she held in such a selfless manner.

Given her involvement in the community, her work with charities, her dedicated and hard work as a judge and her passion and excellence in the practice of the law, I am hopeful that you can grant her the ability to continue to earn a livelihood in the study and practice in which she has dedicated her entire adult life.

Sincerely,

Tim McCafferty
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Bingham Farms, MI 48025
248-224-6401

John B. McDermott
514 N. Enterprise, Apt. 1
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

January 16, 2013

To Whom It May Concern,

I am currently writing this letter in regards to Bridget McCafferty. I have known her on a personal level since I was 10. I am currently a Junior at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Looking back, I was always amazed at all that Bridget could accomplish. Bridget did many amazing things when it involved giving back to the community. She went to many homeless shelters and fed the poor and supplied them with clothes. Even if she was very busy she always found a way to give back to the community. Another example of Bridget giving back to the community would be she was involved in the organization CHOICES. This helped the younger children realize that staying in school was very important and that people do care about them. I believe that Bridget felt that giving time to the community was way more than donating money and not supporting the community hands on.

Regarding Bridget's integrity, she is one of the most honest people I have ever met so far in my lifetime. If she made a promise she would stick with it no matter what the circumstances. Bridget kept all of her cases to herself and never shared them with anyone or asked for advice. She was very professional regarding her work. Bridget is one of the hardest working people I have ever met to. She would leave for work around six am and come back to the house at seven pm. However, she never once complained. She loved her job and being involved in the law field and to take her license away from her would be close to taking away her life. She has worked so hard for that law license and has had to deal with much adversity throughout her life. Many people could have not gone through what she went through but she always found a way. Whether it was trying to figure out how she could pay for her college and law school she always applied hard work with integrity to make it happen. So, I believe Bridget McCafferty deserves to keep her law license because of the amount of hard work she has put into achieving it and her passion with this field.

Sincerely,



John B. McDermott

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January 9, 2013

Board of Commissioners on Grievances & Discipline
Supreme Court of Ohio
65 South Front Street, 5th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431

Re: *Bridget McCafferty*

Dear Board:

For many years I have seen good and loving acts that Bridget has performed for many in our community. I have witnessed Bridget quietly work first hand with the poor and less fortunate of the Cleveland area. In addition, I witnessed first hand the considerate and nurturing manner Bridget would interact with young lawyers in her courtroom. I think she demonstrated great empathy and provided direction for young lawyers learning to hone the skills of their profession but who lacked either the experience and/or confidence that only comes with age. In my thirty years of practicing law, I have found this quality greatly forgotten by many members of the bar and always felt Bridget really cared about promoting professionalism on a daily basis.

Thus, I feel confident that Bridget has much to give to our profession and ask this tribunal to consider this strength of her character when it weighs the mistakes she has made. In addition, please remember the totality of the person who stands before you awaiting judgment and look not only at their faults, but at all of their good works as well. I am reminded every day to live by the words contained in *Colossians 3:13*. It has helped me to understand and accept my faults and the faults of my transgressors.

Very truly yours,

KEVIN E. McDERMOTT

KEM:sbb



January 3, 2013

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I first met Bridget McCafferty in 1995 when I was serving as the Executive Director for the March of Dimes Foundation of America in Columbus, Ohio

I found Bridget to be a very bright and caring person with aspirations of becoming a judge and serving the community in a fair and honest way. She was young but her enthusiasm, knowledge of government and never ending energy was inspirational. I was certain she would follow her dream of becoming a judge and succeed.

No matter how busy Bridget was she always found time to give of herself to the community. She was instrumental in helping the March of Dimes develop events that raised funds to improve the health of babies.

In 1998 my role changed with the March of Dimes and I became the March of Dimes Eastern Regional Fundraising Director. This role allowed me to office out of Cleveland where once again I had contact with Bridget McCafferty.

I attended some of her fund raising events and was impressed when I saw that the qualities that Bridget possessed in 1995 were still relevant. Judge Bridget McCafferty was still enthusiastic, energetic and more than knowledgeable of the government. She was still the caring, honest and fair person that was instrumental in helping the March of Dimes succeed in Columbus.

Bridget is a good lawyer and needs to be able to practice law once again. Please consider reinstating Bridget McCafferty.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra McFadden". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely".

Sandra McFadden
601 Tollis Parkway
Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147
440 237 8433
449 666 8483

January 18, 2013

Board of Commissioners

on Grievances and Discipline

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Sherrille Miller and I am writing this character reference for Bridget McCafferty. Bridget and I met when we worked for the Minority Leader of the Ohio House of Representatives in the mid 90's. I was research and policy director and she was our legal counsel. During that time I had the opportunity to work closely with Bridget.

She was always available to assist the House members and staff. She was hardworking and passionate about the caucus needs and issues as well as the people she served. A key staffer in helping to form and frame caucus policy with the members, she worked tirelessly to make sure it was carried out. As you can imagine, there were many sensitive issues and situations that arose. She treaded those difficult waters carefully and with aplomb. People felt confident in her character and honor to do everything she could to help.

Bridget was a conscientious worker with lots of spunk. She worked long hours and her door was open to all. She continuously went above and beyond the call of duty in her work while lending a hand to those who needed it. She was a fighter who didn't mind advocating for what she believed was right. I believe she was well respected due to these qualities. By the time she left Columbus she had earned my respect and friendship as well.

The Bridget I know is gregarious, inquisitive, generous, dedicated and caring. Although we have had limited opportunity to communicate or visit with one another over the last few years, I still consider her to be a close and dear friend. I would ask that you please take everything into consideration as you consider her law license.

Sincerely,

Sherrille Miller

JOSEPH M. MUSCA
BRECKSVILLE, OHIO 44141

December 10, 2012

Kimberly Vanover Riley
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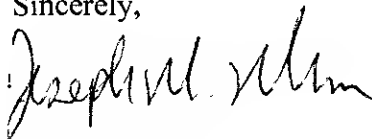
In re: Character Reference
Bridgett McCafferty

Dear Kimberly:

I have been a friend of Bridgett McCafferty for over 11 years. I am writing this letter on her behalf to explain her character as I know it. I believe Bridgett to be a kind, compassionate and good person. She has always been devoted to her work and helping the community. I know her core makeup is of good moral fiber.

Everybody makes mistakes, and she has been remorseful for her actions. Some people do not have a conscience, but I know Bridgett does. She is a kind woman and loving person who is God fearing. I know how much her law license means to her. I know she can uphold the integrity of the license. Any consideration you can give her would not be in vain. Thank you for your time in listening to my plea.

Sincerely,



Joseph M. Musca

JMM:pf

January 2, 2013

Brian M. Spiess, Esq.
36 East Seventh Street
Suite 2100
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Mr. Spiess,

Thank you for contacting me in regards to speaking up for Bridget McCafferty. I first met Bridget McCafferty at a Democratic Club meeting when she first ran for judge. She was focused and had great energy.

Now, many years and lessons later, she is still focused and has the desire to work at her profession again.

We meet a few times a year at meetings, local church festivals, and parades. I drove the car for her in the North Olmsted Festival parade.

Bridget looked out for her Mom for many years and she shows that same caring for others in her family, friends, and acquaintances.

She remembers my late wife, Jean, and makes me feel good when she speaks of her.

When you add up just some of her qualities: Compassion, work ethic, energy, focus, drive, intelligence and not the least, knowledge, you see someone that has so much to offer us.

I believe in Bridget as a person and as a skilled legal mind.

Sincerely,

Tom Ostromeck

Brian,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to put my feelings and thoughts into words regarding Bridget McCafferty.

I have known her for several years. All I can say is that she is a great friend. She is the kind of person I could turn to when I needed to reach out for a caring person. And, I want to be sure to let her know that she can count on me to be her friend, as well. That is why I felt honored that I could show my concern for her when she was unable to join members of her family at her mother's funeral. I felt that it was an honor for me to be there for her. I know she would have done the same for me and our friends.

She is a person with integrity. I have never known her to be less than totally honest.

Bridget has always shown kindness to members of the community - always helpful, understanding and cheerful. When we collected items to donate to the women's shelter, she has been helpful and generous.

I am proud to call Bridget McCafferty my friend.

Erika Pillisy
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Rocky River
440-895-0463

BETTY K. PINKNEY, Ph.D.

Attorney at Law

January 7, 2013

Ohio Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline

To Members of the Board:

Please accept this character letter that I am writing on behalf of my friend Bridget McCafferty, who is seeking the opportunity to keep her law license and thereby re-enter the practice of law. Let me introduce myself to you, and then tell you why I am supporting Bridget. I am a 1976 graduate of Cleveland Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University, and earned my PhD in Public Administration from the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University. I have been a practicing attorney in Ohio since 1977, before the Federal and Ohio State Courts.

I never had a case in Bridget's courtroom, but I observed her and got to know her well over the past twelve (12) years. I never saw such a dynamic, energized person! Bridget was everywhere. She was always in the community, not just when she was up for election. During my years on the staff of the late Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones I attended events throughout Cuyahoga County. This was also the county where Bridget worked, campaigned and volunteered. She was an energetic campaigner. She loved the people, the voters, and they loved her.

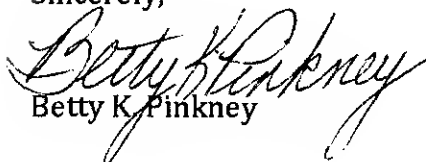
Bridget was a dedicated volunteer too. She spoke at numerous schools and community events about the law, about careers and about being a participating citizen who gives back to the community. I also saw Bridget at legal seminars, at the Eighth Judicial Conferences and at political events. I never saw Bridget exhibit disrespectful, rude or mean-spirited behavior when interacting with a colleague, a lawyer, a citizen in community, a child or a friend.

Bridget often talked with me about her mother, who had been ill for a long time. She was an attentive, loving daughter, doing all she could to ease her mother's health discomfort. I saw her many nights leaving meetings to go visit her mom.

I know Bridget McCafferty is a good person, worthy of having an opportunity to rebuild her legal career. I never talked with her about her case, but I was and I am supporter. Bridget has many redeeming characteristics. She is young and I believe she has renewed belief in our justice system. She will use her experience to be an even better and more dedicated attorney. I ask that you give her the opportunity,

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Betty K. Pinkney

January 18, 2013

To the Board of Commissioners on Grievances & Discipline:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Bridget McCafferty as I believe her to be a good character and know her to have a big heart. I served people as a state representative for 19 years, as Cleveland City Council woman for four years, and as the Chair the Cleveland drug court for one year of my two years of service.

I have known Bridget McCafferty for over 20 years and worked with her in the Ohio legislature. She was a dedicated, hard-working, intelligent and organized attorney who treated all representatives with respect and impartiality in a heated partisan environment. It was because of her fairness, integrity and impartiality that I supported her candidacy for Judge and her subsequent reelection bids.

Bridget's father died when she was young and she grew up with her widowed mother was older when she had Bridget. She also suffered the loss of a brother. Money was scarce and she had to work to put herself through college and law school. She has been a dedicated daughter compassionately supporting and visiting her mother in the nursing home. With a humble beginning and an aging mother with Alzheimer's disease, Bridget understands all of the needs and issues facing the poor and working people, as well as the needs of the aging senior citizen population.

While many politicians would only be seen at election time, Bridget McCafferty maintained her connection to the community throughout her term and attended numerous community activities and fundraisers. She was compassionate and supportive to all and always returned phone calls to anyone who called. Her hard work is evidenced in the fact that she had the highest turnover rate in her court docket.

I am respectfully asking for you to consider allowing Bridget McCafferty to maintain her law license.

Sincerely

Barbara C. Pringle

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

I HAVE KNOWN BRIDGET MCCAFFERTY FOR 30 PLUS YEARS NOW. I'VE ALWAYS FELT BRIDGET IS A VERY INTELLIGENT PERSON, TALKING WITH HER ON LEGAL MATTERS SHE ALWAYS HAD THE RIGHT ANSWERS AND GAVE ME VERY GOOD ADVICE.

BRIDGET WAS ALWAYS SEEN IN OUR COMMUNITY AS A HONEST HARD WORKER, ALWAYS HAD TIME TO STOP AND SAY HELLO IN HER BUSY CAREER. BRIDGET IS A VERY FRIENDLY PERSON NEVER TALKING DOWN TO SOMEONE OR DEGRADING THEIR CHARACTER.

BRIDGET IS VERY CLOSE TO HER FAMILY MAKING VALUABLE TIME TO SEE THEM. AS MUCH AS SHE COULD.

SINCERELY GREGORY ROSSON



THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

JUSTICE CENTER

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CLEVELAND, OHIO 44113

NANCY MARGARET RUSSO

Judge

443-8688

January 20, 2013

George Jonson, Esq.
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RE: Ohio State Bar Association vs. Bridget McCafferty

Dear Mr. Jonson:

I am in receipt of the subpoena dated January 16, 2013, which asks for my appearance before the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline on January 23, regarding the above-captioned hearing. Pursuant to your directive, I am submitting this letter in lieu of appearance.

I have known Ms. McCafferty for over 15 years, having first met her while she worked with the Ohio Legislature. We were introduced by a mutual colleague, Judge Nancy McDonnell. Following Ms. McCafferty's election to the Common Pleas Court, I had the occasion to work with her as a Judicial colleague, worked with her and others on various Court issues, and served with her on the Court's Foreclosure Committee.

Throughout my experience with Ms. McCafferty, I found her to be thoughtful, supportive of improving Court practices and dedicated to providing a fair and efficient service to the public.

I certainly recognize the gravity of her crime, and the seriousness of that conduct. I also recognize the damage that conduct caused not only to the public,

but to the process and to the perception of the public towards all Judges, particularly perhaps, to Judges here in Cuyahoga County.

Through my 30+ years as an attorney and over 16 years as a Common Pleas Court Judge, I have had the unfortunate opportunity to see colleagues in law, both on and off the Bench, fall into some abyss. For some, it was drugs, for others it was alcohol, for others it has been financial collapse. Some of those attorneys and some of the Judges lost their licenses...some for a period of time; some lost their licenses for good with most of them choosing to surrender their license to practice. I fully recognize that each time there is such a transgression, it harms each of us and it harms the very foundation of our justice system; and each transgression has saddened me, and yes, at times, angered me.

I have the greatest respect for our disciplinary system, and volunteered for many years on Grievance Committees, actively investigated complaints against attorneys, and at times, assisted in the prosecution of attorneys who ran afoul of the rules. Integrity and commitment to the Rules of Professional Conduct are foundations of our democracy. I agree that punishment is not only needed, but required for those who transgress in our profession.

What I can offer for consideration regarding Ms. McCafferty is this: although the crime was inexcusable, the person, Bridget McCafferty, is not an evil person. She has done many good things with her life and for others. She was wrong, she put her integrity into question, no doubt; by and through her actions, like other lawyers and Judges before her, she brought all lawyers into the public eye in a negative and damaging way. But, I know her license is precious to her, and that she regrets the conduct that has led to this very necessary hearing. I also believe that if reinstated after a suspension of duration deemed appropriate by the Board and Court, that she would redeem herself as an attorney worthy of the respect of the public and her peers in the legal profession.

Perhaps it is my experience with Re-Entry Court and the holistic approach to rehabilitation and restorative justice that influences my views; perhaps it is being a lawyer more than three decades and watching the rise and fall, and rise again of so many colleagues who made serious mistakes and missteps; perhaps it is the sheer volume of suffering I see on so many levels; whatever the explanation, I do feel that punishment can also be structured to include mercy and the hope of redemption.

I can never excuse, explain away, or approve in any way of the conduct that led Ms. McCafferty to this hearing; but, I can say that I know her to be, at her core, someone who committed her life to service through law; and but for that serious lapse of judgment, who knows where that commitment might have taken her.

Sincerely yours,

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Nancy Margaret Russo

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December 21, 2012

Your Honor,

I have known Bridget McCafferty for approximately 7 years when she was first introduced to me when I volunteered on Tremont West Development Corporations board of trustees 2003 and when I ran for Cleveland City Council in 2004. Bridgett always impressed me with her integrity, dedication to her family and focus when it came to serving the community and helping others.

I knew Bridget to be a dependable and reputable member of our community, she became a friend and mentor not only to me but too many community members and families that depended and trusted in her ability to perform her duties as a lawyer. Bridget was active in many community functions; the 2nd District Community Relations Committee, supporting local baseball teams, educating young adults on becoming active in the community, focusing on youth and teaching them to understand the importance of hard work and education. Bridget always had a pleasant demeanor and was always ready to take action helping make decisions or to lean someone in the right direction.

I remember a few experiences with Bridget when I served on the board of Trustees at Tremont West Development Corporation. It was a challenging volunteer position and fundraising was always at the top of the list. Bridget became part of our team we would brain storm on how to make fundraising for the community a fun event that would bring in lots of social service/community organizing funds to serve the residents throughout the year. These events directly impact inner city lower income neighborhoods and assist people in organizing and making their neighborhoods a better place to live, work and play. I am proud to say

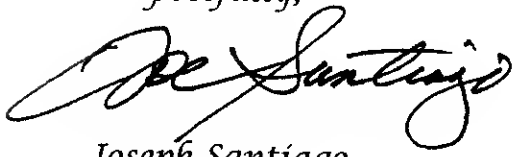
that all of our events were successful and continue to grow each year bringing funds to communities most in need.

When Bridget became a judge we were all so very proud of her hard work and dedication, especially when it came to serving families and the community at large. I was surprised and disappointed to hear about the incident Bridget was involved in because it was so much out of character for her. I have never known Bridget to not follow the "rules" or the law especially when dealing with the community in her position as a lawyer, as an advocate, mentor, volunteer and friend. She was always straight to the point, researched and educated herself and others as the process went along on many functions to ensure we were all doing the right thing.

I know that, if given the opportunity Bridget would not repeat the kind of behavior she was convicted of and served time for. I know deep down in my soul that Bridget McCafferty if given the opportunity will thrive at her work as a lawyer. It's her life, it's what she was put on earth to do, no matter how busy she may get I know that she will always make the time to continue educating our youth and young adults and push them to be their very best just as she would challenge herself to rise above and continue in a career that she worked so hard to achieve.

If you have any other questions or if I can be of further service, please don't hesitate to call me at 216-346-6455.

Respectfully,

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Joseph Santiago

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December 22, 2012

Your Honor,

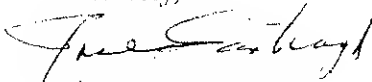
I have known Bridget McCafferty for approximately 6 years. Then Councilman Joseph Santiago introduced her to me at one of his volunteer meetings. Bridget gave me the impression of a friendly, caring, giving and dedicated person to her family and community.

As I saw more of Bridget throughout the months she was actively involved with the youth in the community and other volunteer positions. She was outgoing and nothing was impossible when it came down to completing a task. I admired her warm smile and the way she was always willing to give a helping hand or guide and encourage a young person to strive harder.

I was very saddened about the incident that Bridget was involved in. It didn't sound like her as it was not her character. She always emphasized integrity and honesty as she advocated, volunteer and mentor others. When Bridget became a judge following the rules and fairness to all was a strong trait of her character.

Your honor, Bridget always wanted to practice law. She will be a successful lawyer again if given another chance. She served her time and learned from her conviction. Given another opportunity to return to her community will enable her to practice what she has always worked so hard to achieve.

Sincerely,

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Rose Santiago

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December 26, 2012

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Re: Bridget McCafferty

Dear Sir:

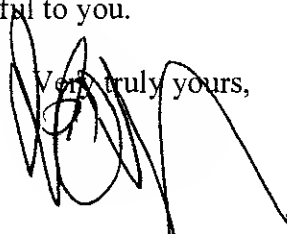
I am writing to you with reference to Bridget McCafferty, a former Common Pleas Judge of Cuyahoga County, Ohio. I have known Bridget McCafferty for many years, including years prior to her election to the Court. My experience with her would suggest that she is a sincere and ambitious person, and I personally know of no instance where I would question her integrity or honesty notwithstanding the activities which have occurred in the United States District Court.

She has given many hours of time and effort to various charities in Northeastern Ohio, and I know of no instance where some organization has asked for her help when it was not freely and openly given and beneficial to the recipient.

I had the privilege of appearing before her as a trial judge, and I personally never experienced anything but the highest level of judicial behavior and decorum and was personally shocked by the accusations which were made against her. I know that she is now a convicted felon and now must demonstrate that she has the ability to change and will be a good citizen. Based upon my experience with Bridget McCafferty, I have every belief that she will do exactly that and be an asset to this community.

I trust this information will be helpful to you.

Very truly yours,

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Thomas J. Scanlon

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Ohio Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline

c/o Kimberly Riley

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January 4, 2013

Re: Bridget McCafferty

Dear Ohio Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline:

The community Re-Entry Program (CR) provides practice assistance and support to persons returning to the community after a period of incarceration e.g. aid with obtaining employment; vocational training and educational opportunities; housing and other needed assistance.

Factors considered in making a determination to accept a person into the program are: the nature of the offense committed, institutional record and previous record if any. Each prospective participant is carefully screened to determine their level of motivation, attitude toward the community and the likelihood of their successful integration back into the community.

As executive director of CR I have worked with many judges of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. Bridget McCafferty, during her twelve years on the Bench, was one of the judges that I worked with who always looked to see if a person might benefit from community-based programming.

Ms. McCafferty used sentencing as an opportunity to protect the community; restore victims, and provide offenders with real opportunities for rehabilitation. She was known for calling together multiple agencies to see what services might best maximize an individual's opportunity for success, either while serving time in prison or remaining in the community.

Ms. McCafferty volunteered with several community organizations whose mission it is to serve the hurting, forgotten and oppressed. She was a constant supporter of CR Women's Re-Entry Network which serves women who are often the victim of a predatory community. Bridget was always sensitive to the life circumstance of those women and where they law allowed she extended herself in an attempt to get such women services and community support.



Community Re-Entry is co-sponsored by the Commission on Catholic Community Action; Episcopal Diocese of Ohio; Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Northeastern Ohio Synod; Interchurch Council of Greater Cleveland; Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Ohio District; Presbytery of the Western Reserve; Cleveland District, The United Methodist Church; Western Reserve Association of the United Church of Christ; and is administered by Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry.

Don't walk in front of me -
I may not follow.
Don't walk behind me -
I may not lead.
Walk beside me
and
I will be
your friend.

- Camus



Ms. McCafferty worked with other judges of Cuyahoga County to build a badly needed Community Based Corrections Facility. This 200 bed facility will serve thousands of young offenders who need treatment, education and guidance. Bridget was an eloquent, passionate advocate for the establishment of this facility and helped guide its planning and building.

I write to you today to ask that when the issue of Ms. McCafferty's legal license comes before the Commissioners that you please take into consideration the many individuals she has helped to change their lives, the many community organizations she has helped to serve needy individuals and the many civic projects she has given her time and expertise to.

Knowing that this request will receive appropriate consideration; I forward my thanks in advance and thank you.

Very Truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles R. See".

Charles R. See, Executive Director
Community Re-Entry Program

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January 15, 2013

Board of Commissioners
On Grievances and Discipline

Gentlemen and Mesdames:

Judge Bridget McCafferty and I have been friends for many years. During that time I found her to be a loyal and caring person. She is very hard working and has always loved her constituents as well as her friends. She is generous and intelligent, and she is involved in her community.

The thing that I admire most about Judge Bridget is her positive and cheerful attitude. She creates goodwill no matter where she goes. In addition she treats everyone fairly and equally.

Because of her special skills and attributes, I know that she would be an asset to the legal community. She has a great deal to offer. Respectfully, I am asking you that permit her to continue practicing law by allowing her to keep her law license.

Sincerely yours,

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Anna Marie Smith



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January 18, 2013

Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline
Ohio Supreme Court
65 South Front Street, 5th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Ms. Bridget McCafferty. I have known Bridget personally and professionally through her devoted service to the Greater Cleveland community. Beginning as a lawyer, and after having served as Chief Legal Counsel to the Minority Caucus of the Ohio House of Representatives, Bridget's inflexible motivation took her to a judgeship on the Cuyahoga Court of Common Pleas. She is a compassionate, dedicated civil servant whose legal insight and experience is immeasurably impressive.

I strongly value my friendship with Bridget and fondly reminisce about our time together, both on and off the clock. I know that Bridget, who has undeniably astute acumen, will offer wisdom and guidance in any situation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

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21 Jan 2013

Subj: Bridget M McCafferty

**Board of Commissioners on
Grievances and Discipline
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Dear Commissioners,

Permit me to join those who know and respect the life and career of Bridget McCafferty. As I am confident others spoke to her incredible tenacity, passion for public service, work ethic and integrity, I would add some thoughts on her unique individual character.

Most of her assets were learned very early in life where character is built and developed based on ones surroundings. Those "surroundings" were anchored by Naomi McCafferty, her mother and very best friend.

When Bridget was but five years old her father died. Naomi was left with raising her five children on her own with very limited resources. Not long after that horrific experience, Naomi's best friend died leaving her children without care. Naomi stepped forward and took in those children as well. Additionally, the McCafferty household became a home for immigrants and visitors from Ireland. Bridget's character was honed within this environment of caring for others and sharing for those in need.

When she was a young law student Bridget's brother, Jim, died mysteriously in Mexico while on his honeymoon. To this day Mexican officials are still not sure it was a murder or an accident. The experience of dealing with this tragedy and the justice system concretized Bridget's desire to one day serve on the court.

For a long time (32 years) I had served in The Ohio Legislature and frequently was questioned and often challenged by law students and emerging lawyers about politics, law and public policy. Normally the quizzes from the young were more a challenge on why and how legislation is created. It was always fun for me and hopefully educational for those folks. However, when I met Bridget she focused on policy making and demonstrated a genuine curiosity, not a challenge, on the hows and whys. She said she admired those on the legislative side and only asked on how the conflicts within legislatures were worked out. I was fascinated with her depth and almost immediately became a fan and a friend.

At that time she was practicing law in a small firm in a neighboring County. Tolerating the routine of it all but curious on other opportunities she was actively in pursuit of something closer to home.

A few years later, I was elected the Democrat Leader of the Ohio House. When the position of Chief Council came open we established a committee of lawyer members to review applicants. Bridget was one of those applying. Although I was leader I was not a member of the selection committee but I did make a choice. My choice was a Washington lawyer from the firm of SS&D with some congressional experience.

The committee thanked me for my suggestion and selected Bridget simply based on the work she did to prepare for the interview and her obvious passion for the law and the policy and procedures of making that law. We hired both, Bridget as Chief and her skilled assistant. Not one legislator, Democrat or Republican, was ever anything but super impressed with "our" choice.

She left the House of Representatives to join one of our members who became a County Commissioner in Cuyahoga County. Two years later a Judgeship on the Common Pleas Court opened up and she jumped at the challenge. It was an impossible opportunity, there was no way she could win. The Democrat Party let it be known who they wanted and expected to prevail. However, several candidates took out petitions for the judicial seat, Bridget was one of them. The Democrat Party leader (a local Mayor who was also running for County Commissioner) then put additional candidates in the race to strengthen his own candidate.

Big surprise when the "ward leaders" from the entire County chose Bridget over 6 other candidates for the Party endorsement. To say the least, the Chairman of the Party was furious and did his all to ruin her campaign. With no money and only her feet on the street, Bridget got nominated and eventually won the seat on the Common Pleas Court.

She wasn't long on the bench before I could see her ethic once again drive her. She was faced with the largest backlog of cases in the entire court. Never without her work ethic and fortified by her character Bridget went to work. In her first two years, Bridget led the entire state in the number of bench trials an accomplishment she maintained for several years.

She loves the law like nobody I know. Her law license is not only her pride but also her license to success. As I suggest to my students, a law license "jumps off the resume" when human resource folks looks it over.

Although we are estranged today my admiration has only been enhanced by her most recent struggles. At the same time, I am enthusiastic in my support for her endeavors.

Absent her license her opportunities are seriously diminished in her pursuit of career opportunities both in working within the legal profession and within almost any other field. It would be a sentence much harsher than that that she has already served.

Please consider her long commitment to public service, her work within our community and her constant effort to improve opportunities for others when you look at this case.

Very respectfully,


Patrick A Sweeney

Tracy Turoff, Esq.
Attorney at law

January 18, 2013

Board of Commissioners on Grievances & Discipline
Supreme Court of Ohio
65 South Front Street, 5th Floor
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Re: Bridget McCafferty

Dear Commissioners:

I wish to provide a personal character reference for Bridget McCafferty. I have known Bridget for over 15 years. This duration covers the time from when I was an undergraduate student through becoming a practicing attorney. In the time I have known her, she has shown herself to be extremely civic minded and generous with her time, energy and spirit to charitable organizations, the community and young people in particular.

For example, while I was nearing the end of my law studies, Bridget was extremely generous with her time and knowledge in offering me counsel on studying for the bar as well as advising me on post-graduate employment considerations. I was not the only young law student to whom Bridget offered guidance, as she made herself very accessible to those seeking benefit from her experience.

I have also served with Bridget on the Board of Shoes and Clothes for Kids, where she unselfishly gave her personal time and energy to help children in need. While serving as a prosecutor, I had one trial before her court. While I didn't get the jury verdict I had hoped for, I thought Judge McCafferty conducted the trial in a fair and impartial manner.

It is my sincere hope that these, as well as Bridget McCafferty's other positive attributes, will be taken into consideration.

Very truly yours,



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The Ohio Board of Commissioners
On Grievances and Discipline

Re: Bridget McCafferty

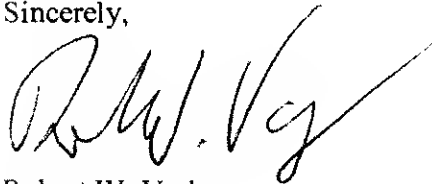
Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to on behalf Bridget McCafferty and her upcoming hearing regarding her law license. I am currently the Managing Director of State and Local Affairs for Dominion (locally known as Dominion East Ohio). I have come to know Bridget through our work on community projects that spans at least 20 years and I consider her a friend and committed community volunteer.

She is committed to the Cleveland community and has worked hard on various non-profit boards and fund raising efforts to raise the standard of living for those persons less fortunate than her. She has a strong desire to help and make a difference, and gives generously of her time and talents.

As you consider her future as a lawyer, I would ask that you consider her benefit to the community as a legal professional. The community can benefit from her talents, compassion and community spirit.

Sincerely,

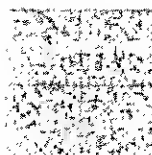
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Gmail - Bridget McCafferty

Bridget McCafferty

Pat Vecchio <pevecchio@gmail.com>

Thu, Jan 17, 2013 at 5:58 PM

To: bspiess@mrjlaw.com

OHIO Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline

I am writing on behalf of Bridget McCafferty. I have known her for 20 years and have found her to be honest, loyal and accountable for her actions.

As the District Director for Congressman Dennis Kucinich, I observed her numerous roles in the community, working with mentally and physically challenged adults at PVA,

Clothes and Shoes for children and mentoring children at risk at the Harvard Community Center. She has numerous talents and knowledge that would benefit any community.

Congressman Kucinich and I asked her to help with organizing a Congressional Youth Congress in the 10th District. We invited students from all the Junior and Senior Schools

in the 10th District. She shared her experience as a Judge, Politician and a child who lost her Dad at 5 years old. Since Bridget McCafferty had to work her way through

College and Law School she was able to support the students who had challenges pursuing their educational goals. She was an example to the students that you can succeed, when bad things happen to good people.

She was an asset to the Youth Congress and it's success and had a positive influence on numerous young adults.

If you any questions, please feel free to call me.

Patricia Vecchio
Patricia Vecchio RN,MSN

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December 20, 2012

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To The Ohio Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline:

First, I want to thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I am writing this letter on behalf of Bridget McCafferty. My name is Barbara Kappus Ward, MSW, LISW, RYT. Who am I? I am a wife, a mother of two girls, a citizen, a business owner, a counselor, a yoga teacher and a long time childhood friend of Bridget McCafferty. This friendship began in grades school at St. James Parochial School in Lakewood, Ohio. We became friends through our similar interests in learning and pursuing good grades. I respected her dedication to her school work and appreciated her empathetic understanding for my attitude towards academics. At an early age, Bridget helped me see the importance of the quality of perseverance. She achieved high goals with school and also with her competitive swimming. I always marveled over her courage to take on new challenges, especially, financial ones. Her mother was widowed and older, worked a middle class job. Her siblings were much older and living their own adult life. She worked hard to put herself through school to achieve her academic and professional goals.

Her strength helped guide me not only in grade school, but also in college. Once again, our paths crossed at Miami University. We both were psychology majors. We became study partners, but also research partners as we both worked on an independent research project for a psychology professor. With the stress of pursuing high grades in college, we used each other as a support and confidant. I valued her analytical opinion and her companionship. Together we graduated with high honors. She even graduated a semester earlier.

In pursuing professions, Bridget entered into John Marshal Law School a year before I entered into Graduate School at Case Mandel School of Applied Social Science in 1989. We drifted apart as I moved to Long Island, New York to continue my graduate studies at Adelphi University. She always took interest in my concerns, endeavors and family. We stayed in touch through cards and e-mails.

I was honored to attend her first campaign benefit in 1998. Again, I respected her perseverance, her confidants, and her desire to help the community. I was proud that a friend who was so empathetic and supportive to me could now help the community at large.

My intention is to ask the Commission to consider Bridget's good qualities in determining an appropriate action. I feel the greater good for society would to emphasize her educational qualities to the community in services. Thank you again for your time and consideration!

Respectfully,

Barbara Kappus Ward, MSW, LISW, RYT

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January 17, 2013

To: Board of Commissioners on Grievances & Discipline

Re: **Bridget McCafferty**

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to you in regards to Bridget McCafferty. I have known Bridget for approximately 25 years. She was one of my college roommates at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. I am a CPA, with my MBA, working in Finance. I consider myself a good judge of character, and I believe that Bridget is an incredibly hardworking, sincere person. She has been an active volunteer in her community, and was a dedicated caregiver to her elderly mother before her mother died last year. Bridget loves the law and has dedicated her life to it. Please consider allowing Bridget to maintain her law license. She is a good person.

Kind regards,

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Karin Wasserstrom

I am writing this letter in
regards of Bridget McCafferty, to have her
law license reinstated. I believe she
is a very good Attorney. She is a very fair
person. she would always do her very
best for her clients.

I am a friend and thank very
highly of Bridget.

Please consider very highly of
reinstating her, she would be an asset
for the Community

Thank you
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December 4, 2012

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you today to attest to the character of Judge Bridget McCafferty. I have practiced law in the greater Cleveland area for over 25 years and for more than a decade I have known Bridget McCafferty and followed her career, first as an attorney and then as a Judge with the Court of Common Pleas. I have always known her as a person of great integrity and warmth and have contributed to her campaigns in the past. As the youngest child in a large family, all being raised by just her mother, she was able to build a fantastic career.

Beyond the integrity she conducted herself with in the court she had always taken time out of her busy days to coach children's baseball teams or volunteer in the community with organizations like Clothes for Kids. She has also given a great deal back in time and energy to Cleveland State University, where I am very involved with the School of Law.

This is why it came as such a shock to me to learn about the charges being brought against her, involving the FBI and probes into Cuyahoga County. This seemed completely out of character and was nothing like the Judge McCafferty I had come to know. It truly did stun me. I have been thinking a lot about how Judge McCafferty could rise and fall so quickly. It could be because there are so few mentors for young people or, as older practitioners, we have failed. I remember often seeing Judge McCafferty in key club for our exercises and, knowing what I know about Judge McCafferty, I can only believe that she feels a great deal of remorse about her actions. I feel so badly for her family who has already suffered tragedies with the deaths of her father and brother.

If you need any further information please do contact me.

Yours Truly,



Margaret W. Wong, Esq.



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COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

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KATHLEEN ANN SUTULA

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January 23, 2013

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RE: Ohio State Bar Association vs. Bridget McCafferty

Dear Mr. Jonson:

Yesterday I received a subpoena dated January 16, 2013, which asks for my appearance before the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline on January 23, regarding the above-captioned hearing. I am submitting this letter in lieu of an appearance.

Let me begin by saying that I have been an attorney for over 36 years, an Assistant United States Attorney for 11 years and a Judge for over 21 years. I have the utmost respect for the Code of Professional Responsibility and our Disciplinary system. I have been assigned to panels to assess the actions of judicial candidates and officers. I am always aware of the public's perception of our profession and I zealously attempt to protect and nurture it in all I do.

I met Ms. McCafferty as she campaigned for her judicial seat. She was a vigorous, untiring and affable candidate. She enjoyed many friends and supporters. As she ascended to the bench, I had the occasion to work with her as a judicial colleague. Ms. McCafferty came to all meetings prepared and ready to assume whatever tasks were needed. I found her to be intelligent, impartial, compassionate, loyal to the law and dedicated to the public.

While I certainly recognize the damage her crime has caused the judicial system, I am saddened by the loss of a good person who most likely would have been a great public servant.

As I prepare to sentence individuals convicted of crimes in my courtroom, I must always balance the safety of the public with the possibility of rehabilitation of the defendant. In many cases, I must impose treatment, education or other conditions to assist in preparing them for the challenges which they faced. Even with high levels of recidivism, our justice system and society values redemption and second chances for those who have violated our laws and, in many cases, our trust. I see no just reason for our profession to abandon these ideals.

My concern in this case is that Ms. McCafferty not bear the burden of the entire Cuyahoga County Corruption case. I do believe her actions were wrong and that discipline is indeed warranted. My trust is that this hearing will find that Ms. McCafferty is a good person, able to be rehabilitated and, after a sufficient period of time, with whatever conditions this panel deems necessary, will again be able to practice law in this state.

I trust the experience and wisdom of the Board of Commissioners will be fair and just in their determination.

Sincerely yours,



Kathleen Ann Sutula
Judge

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January 20, 2013

Board of Commissioners
on Grievances and Discipline

Dear Commissioners,

My name is John McCafferty. I am Bridget's nephew. I am writing this today to appeal to you to allow my aunt to practice law.

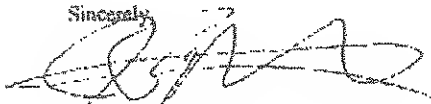
Ever since I was young, I have looked up to Bridget. She has always been so wonderful to me. She has been, and continues to be supportive, kind and generous. Whenever I needed advice, I know I have her ear. Whenever I need a friend, I know I have her arm around me. Whenever I need help, I have her hand offering whatever I need.

But I know, I am not the only one. Bridget not only provides this love and support for her family, such as myself, but also, for others. Bridget has dedicated her life to serving her community. She has served as Judge for her community, bringing compassion, justice and fairness to a very difficult and important job. In addition, she has spent a tremendous amount of time volunteering her efforts to help others.

I have looked up to my aunt as a lawyer and judge. I have been so inspired by her hard work, dedication to her community, and love for the law. In fact, her work played an small part in my decision to get my Juris Doctor degree. I know that her respect for the law has lead her to accept her sentence with reverence. I ask you not to let this indiscretion sully a future that could be filled with hard work and dedication to her community in serving and tending to the law. I implore you to allow her to continue the practice of law. Please see her years of good character, kindness, and community service and choose a compassionate path.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,



John McCafferty